

REMARKS

In Applicant's Amendment filed November 12, 2003 cancelled claims 1-58 were missing from the listing of claims. The deletion of cancelled claims 1-58 from the listing of claims was an inadvertent typographical error. Applicant submits herewith a new **Amendments to the Claims** section with a complete listing of claims.

An earnest and thorough attempt has been made by the undersigned to resolve the outstanding issues in this case and place same in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a telephone or personal interview would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues which remain in this application after consideration of this amendment, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone the undersigned and the same would be gratefully appreciated.

If any fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

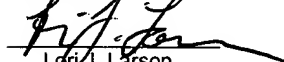
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